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1. The Laerz (N 54/U 33) airfield was observed from a train. Sixty to seventy single-engine low-wing monoplanes, four biplanes and sixteen jet fighters were counted. More aircraft were possibly stationed at the field. The jet fighters had swept back wings, a noticeably high rudder assembly and a nose wheel. There was no flying.
2. The Laerz-Rechlin (N 54/U 33) road was closed to public traffic. A board fence was being built along the railroad line to Rechlin, facing the field. Workers, fellow-passengers in the train, said that the jet fighters made only individual flights.
3. The following trucks drove to the airfield:  

B 7-85-82	B 7-85-92	Γ 3-04-42
B 7-85-81		Γ 3-04-83.
4. The Rechlin airfield was unoccupied and workers were doing dismantling work.

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- a. Two fighter regiments are assumed to be stationed in Laerz. The number of conventional fighters observed at the field shows that, in spite of the reequipment with jet planes, the fighters have not been shipped away.
- b. A maximum of about 55 jet aircraft of type 11, has so far been seen at the airfield (10 March 1950).
- c. This is the first information on the construction of a board fence. The motor vehicle numbers mentioned are assigned to component units of the III Ftr Corps. Other sources confirmed the information on the Rechlin airfield.

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